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Mr. Frederick W. Richmond

Dear Mr. Richmond:

Upon returning from a trip to Europe, your letter of 4 September regarding the observance of 19 November as Equal Opportunity Day has been brought to my attention.

I sincerely regret that I am unable to lend my name in support of the worthy aims of this national program. I have followed the policy of declining such use of my name as long as I occupy my present position. However, the effort being made by your fine group to afford equal opportunity for all our people is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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September 4, 1958

Hon. Allen W. Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Leaders in industry, labor and government are combining forces to focus national attention on Equal Opportunity Day -- an annual observance re-emphasizing a basic tenet of our democracy -- equality of opportunity.

President Eisenhower has enthusiastically endorsed this observance and more than 20 Governors and 70 Mayors of the larger cities joined him last year in proclaiming November 19th as Equal Opportunity Day. An even broader national campaign is planned this year.

The importance of industry's endorsement of EOD cannot be over-emphasized. Therefore, I wish to invite you to join, without obligation, other business leaders as a member of the National Equal Opportunity Day Committee. Your acceptance will help swell the ranks of outstanding citizens who believe in reaffirming the concept of equal opportunity for all our people.

The observance will be highlighted with the National Equal Opportunity Day Dinner at The Waldorf-Astoria in New York on November 18th. The event will honor Benjamin F. Fairless, former board chairman of U. S. Steel and now president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, and David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America. At a time when the world hears only of American racial problems, EOD brings world-wide notice to our positive efforts toward achieving, however difficult, the goal of a decent and fair chance for all.

I look forward to word from you supporting this national program.

Sincerely yours,

*Frederick W. Richmond*  
Frederick W. Richmond

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Stan Grogan recommends that you not lend  
your name in support of this campaign.

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Mr. Merritt Ruddock  
Madison Hotel  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ruddock:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 8 September addressed to Mr. Dulles suggesting that you would like to get together with him some time during your visit in the East.

I know Mr. Dulles will be extremely sorry to have missed you, but he is out of the country until the first of October and will therefore be unable to meet you either in New York or Washington.

I will bring your letter to his attention as soon as he returns.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]  
Acting Executive Officer

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